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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR SVN NATIONAL DAY

1. REQUEST THE FOLLOWING BE PASSED TO PRESIDENT THIEU.

QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

ON THE OCCASION OF THE VIETNAMESE NATIONAL DAY, I
TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN CONVEYING TO YOU AND TO THE
PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIET-NAM THE SINCERE BEST WISHES OF THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE.

THE PAST YEAR HAS WITNESSED REAL ACCOMPLISHMENT BY
THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM
IN THE FACE OF DIFFICULT AND PERSISTENT CHALLENGE. WITH
THE ADVENT OF THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT, SOUTH VIET-NAM
HAS BEEN ABLE TO BEGIN TO TURN ITS TALENTS AND RESOURCES
TO THE MAJOR TASKS OF RECONSTRUCTION. FULL ATTENTION TO
SUCH EFFORTS MUST, UNFORTUNATELY, AWAIT THE TIME WHEN
THE SECURITY OF SOUTH VIET-NAM IS NO LONGER THREATENED.

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WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT SUCH A DAY MAY NOT BE FAR OFF, JUST

AS WE ARE CONFIDENT OF SOUTH VIET-NAM'S ABILITY
TO DEFEND AGAINST AGGRESSION UNTIL THAT DAY ARRIVES. IN
THE MEANTIME, MR. PRESIDENT, I WISH TO REAFFIRM THE AS-
SURANCES AND VIEWS EXPRESSED IN OUR JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF
APRIL 3, 1973. THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE WILL HAVE THE
SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES AS THEY STRIVE TO
CONSOLIDATE THE PEACE AND REBUILD THEIR NATION.

WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS, SINCERELY,

RICHARD NIXON UNQUOTE

2. WE DO NOT INTEND TO RELEASE TEXT TO THE PRESS BUT
HAVE NO OBJECTION IF GVN CHOOSES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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